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Ellen Buckhart
May 1960

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BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL

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BENTON, ILLINOIS



(A silhouette of our base of learning.)

SILHOUETTES



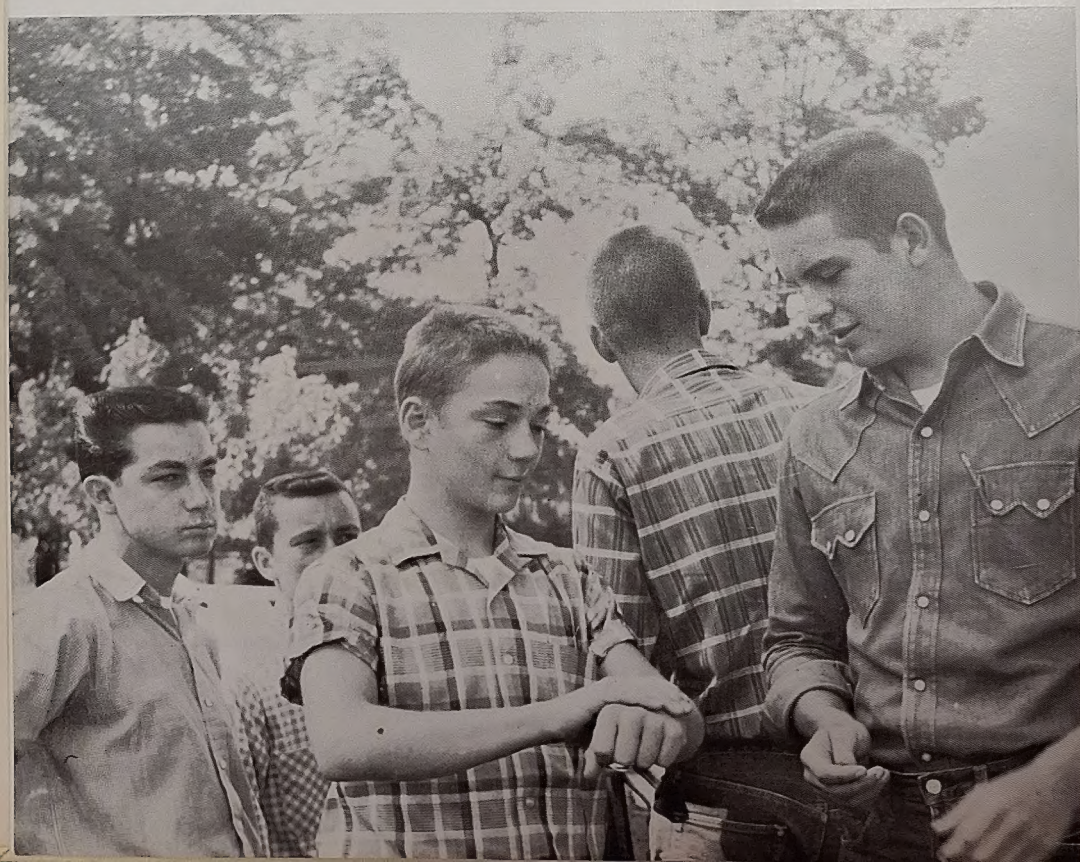
of LIFE at BCHS

At night, our school seems dark and peaceful. The inside is a scene of shadowed desks in quite class rooms. The sounds of students going from class to class during the day are now gone. As one walks through the corridors, his footsteps echo through the school. He feels all alone in a seemingly strange building. This feeling soon changes as life returns the next day to B.C.H.S.



Life returns to B.C.H.S. at 8:15 each morning.

To eat or not to eat, that is the question.





Students reporting to their classes.

Those riding a bus to school know some of the happenings that go on during the ride. Usually, the first thing they do as they enter the bus is to look for a seat. Soon, all the students are picked up and on their way to school. As they ride, they talk and discuss the latest news.

At last, the bus reaches the school, and everyone is pushing and pulling trying to get off. As they get off, they see the students standing around talking to each other. The boys are usually around some "souped" up hot rod while the girls are talking about the latest fashions and the newest boy in school.

The bell rings and the students go to their lockers. The halls are crowded and the students find it hard to get through. This does not last long because they are soon cleared as the students enter their classes. Then, they talk and have fun until the tardy bell rings. Finally, all is quiet, at least for a while.

The morning classes pass quickly, and the students find themselves on the campus again.



Overlapping practice schedule.



The exciting Turkey Day Game between Benton and West Frankfort finally arrived. The enthused Benton and Frankfort fans flocked to the West Frankfort bleachers to see the games in the near freezing weather while the cheerleaders led the fans in well-known cheers to give the teams confidence.

At the first of the game, it was feared that the Red-bird's might win, but later the Rangers picked up their pace to win the exciting game by a score of 21 to 7.

The day was topped off by the glorious Homecoming dance, this year entitled Bali Ha'i. The couples gathered on the spacious dance floor of the beautifully decorated new gym to dance with their date to a popular tune played by the orchestra.

The gym was decorated to represent the beauties predominant in the new state of Hawaii. Scattered palm trees adorned the dance floor which was centered by a south sea island hut, flooded with multi-colored lights.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and her court. An overflowing crowd filled the gym on both sides as both students and townspeople saw Miss Evelyn Payne and her court ascent to the throne. Those who were there will long remember the courtesies given her by the members of the football squad when each one paid an inspiring tribute to "her highness" by stepping up and kissing her in her hour of glory. This was the event of the school year 1959-60 and a Homecoming not soon to be forgotten.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HOMECOMING





Students voting for their class officers.



At 11:21 the bell rings for lunch. It is a mad rush as the students try to be the first ones in the chow line. The hall is noisy as the students talk and laugh while waiting in line. After a time, they get their lunch and enter the dining hall. All that is seen is the hub-bub of heads talking and laughing.

Within 40 minutes the bell rings, and the cafeteria is quiet and peaceful as the students are in their afternoon classes. Some students are in intensive study, while others are sleepy after their lunch.

Students find it hard to sit through the afternoon classes, but soon the bell rings, and they are out for another day.



Learning a new recipe.

Students relaxing during lunch hour.





Looks as if everycne is enjoying the Junior-Senior Reception.



Care for more refreshments?

In the beginning of September, we finally settle down to the routine of study after a happy, fun-filled summer.

The first big events of the school year are the Homecoming parade, game, and dance which brings the football season to an end.

Not long afterwards, the basketball season opens and brings new enthusiasm to the students. The fans of basketball and football cheer as the boys try to score another point to lead the team on to victory and perhaps championship.

Although sports play an important part in our extra-curricular activities, there are dances, club activities, and many other social events which are at their highest peak with the arrival of the spring term. The Echo Carnival and Junior-Senior Reception play an important part, also. Then, too, the most favored event of the school year, at least for the senior, is Senior Week and Graduation Day. All these add to another memorable year for the students and teachers of B.C.H.S.

PERSONALITIES





Mr. Herbert Mundell in his eighth year as principal of Benton Consolidated High School.

Principal



Mr. Mundell, along with his many other responsibilities, willingly gives aid and advice to the students and teachers. He is called on many times during the day to make important decisions concerning the school.

Irene Mrogenski is the school registrar. She is kept busy answering the telephone, issuing tardy permits and absence slips. Joan Vincenti is secretary and treasurer. She serves the many demands of the student body and should be commended on her ability to do this.



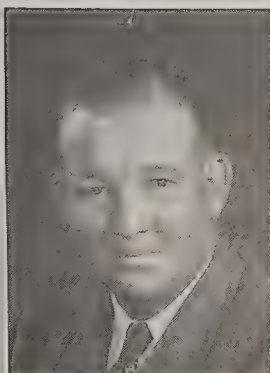
Irene Mrogenski
School Registrar



Joan Vincenti
Secretary and Treasurer



Mike McCarty, President



W. C. Rice, Secretary



William Frank Payne



Roy Spain



Carl Ingram



Ward Phillips



Sherman Whitlow



Verbal Adkisson
B. S. in Ed., SIU
Health



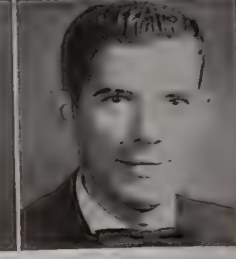
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B. S., U. of I.
Biology



Bonnie Collins
B. Ed., SIU
Study Hall



Margaret Armentrout
B. Ed., SIU
M. A., U. of I.
Latin



Kirby Browning
B. S. in Ed., SIU
M. S., SIU
English



Ellen Burkhardt
B. A., U. of Wisc.
M. A., U. of Ill.
English



Lucille Craddock
B. Ed., SIU
Home Ec.



Ralph E. Davison
B. Ed., SIU
Am. History



Gene Ernest
B. S., SIU
Industrial Arts



B. L. Finley
B. S., U. of I.
M. S., U. of I.
Voc. Agriculture

The faculty of our school are not only our teachers in class, but help us after class, sponsor our club, and give us advice whenever we need it. They are always ready to help and give assistance whenever necessary.

Most of the time of our teachers is spent at school, but they also have many more things to do. Many be-



Jerry Hart
B. Mu. Ed., SIU
M. Mu. Ed., SIU
Music



Ray Heinzman
B. Ed., SIU
M. A., U. of Ill.
Business



Alberta Hidritch
B. S.
Shurtleff College
M. S., SIU
History



Pat Hollada
SIU
Physical Ed.



Jane Kirsch
B. S., U. of Mo.
M. A., U. of I.
Problems



Louise Little
B. S. Library Science
Murray, Kentucky



Jim Lynch
B. S. in Ed., SIU
Mathematics



Edward Miller
B. S. in Ed., SIU
M. S. in Ed., SIU
English



John R. Miller
B. S., SIU
M. A., U. of I.
Speech



Etna Morrison
B. A., U. of Kansas
M. A., U. of Michigan
Mathematics



Mildred Neal
B. S., SIU
Mathematics



Mary Alice Pribble
B. Ed., SIU
Business



Dallas Rea
B. S., in Ed., SIU
M. S., SIU
Industrial Arts



Imogene Rea
B. S., ISNU
English



Claude Rhodes
B. S., ISNU
M. A., U. of Ill.
Physical Ed.

long to clubs, are taking college class, are coaches,
and are all kept busy with their student's homework.

The responsibility of our teachers is great. They
must attend ball games, club activities, and all other
activities of our high school.



Ernest E. Shepard
B. A., U. of I.
M. A., U. of I.
History



Glen Trulove
B. Ed., SIU
M. A. U. of I.
History



Marjorie Trulove
B. S., U. of I.
M. S., SIU
Shorthand



Donald Upchurch
B. S., SIU
Physics



Mary Webb
B. S., U. of I.
M. A., Columbia U.
Home Economics



The reason firm, the temperate will.
Endurance, foresight, strength and
skill;" —Wordsworth



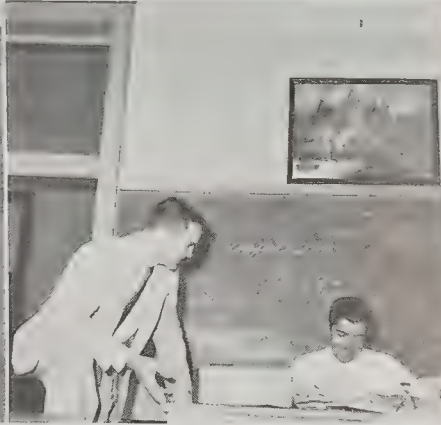
"Of legal knowledge I acquired such a grip,
That they soon took me into the partnership." —Gilbert



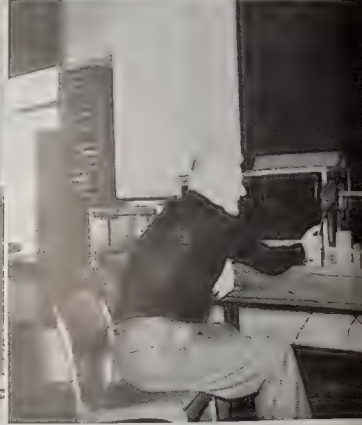
"She seldom spoke; but what she said
was clear,
And full of sense, so that you wished
to hear;" —Chaucer



"A kind and gentle heart he had." —Goldsmith



"Remember us—if at all—not as lost violent
souls,
But only as the hollow men the stuffed men." —Eliot



"Boot, saddle, to horse, and away." —Browning



"Full well they laughed with glee,
At all his jokes, for many a joke
had he." —Goldsmith



"He was a gentleman from soul to crown." —Robinson



"The rank, the dress, the number, and
the cause
Why these were all assembled at the
inn." —Chaucer



Cafeteria Staff: Gladys Adams, Louise Saunders, and Anna Hill.

Maintenance Staff: Humbert Bennett, Kenney Shoemate, Caleb Lowry, and Bill Saunders.





Senior Class

Curt Richardson, President; Eddie Summers, Vice President; Mike Williams, Secretary; David Giacone, Treasurer; Miss Burkhart and Mr. Heinzman, sponsors.

We are the "Sophisticated Seniors" of Benton High School. Since 1956, the year we entered as freshman, we have known study, work, fun and good times. In these four years, we have learned a great deal, acquired interests in clubs and activities, and have made many friends. The long awaited day, our graduation, has finally arrived. We meet it with mixed emotions. We reluctantly leave our many friends and teachers, but we are happy to have attained this goal—graduation. We are anticipating the future with high hopes of building our ambitions successfully. We have reached the end of our high school days with our happy times fading into the past. We shall remember the senior play we presented and our Junior-Senior Reception in which we were the guests of the Juniors. We shall always be a part of Benton Consolidated High School. We are grateful for all it has given us.



Doris Aiken

FBLA, Treasurer; FNC; FHA;
GAA; Echo Staff; Mu Alpha
Theta; Hi-Tri; Lions' Honor
Banquet

Barbara Adams**Robert Allinson**

Transfer from Connecticut;
Echo Staff; Lions' Honor
Banquet; Thespians; Junior
Play; Chemistry Club; Speech
Club

Genevieve Aumiller

FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri

Jim Bain

Football, Co-Captain; Basket-
ball; Track; Freshman Class
President; Student Council,
President; Latin Club; Chem-
istry Club; Key Club, Lieuten-
ant Governor; Scarab Royalty;
Mu Alpha Theta, Scarab
Royalty King, Scarab Sports
Editor

Paul Bain

Track

Judy Baker

Library Club, Secretary;
Freshman Class Treasurer;
History Club; Speech Club;
Make-up Club; FNC; Youth
for Christ; Thespians; Echo
Staff; Scarab Staff; Letter
Girl; Chemistry Club; Teen
Town Council; Junior Play;
FHA

Meridy Baker

FNC; Scarab Staff, Freshman
Co-Editor; Hi-Tri Council;
Chemistry Club; Mu Alpha
Theta; Youth for Christ; Latin
Club; Lions' Honor Banquet;
Honorary Commencement
Usher; Future Teachers Club

Ron Baker

Latin Club

Jeff Barlow

Hi-Y; Echo Staff; Latin Club;
Debate Team; Chemistry Club;
Mu Alpha Theta; Speech
Club; Thespians, President;
History Club

Paul Barnfield

Football; Track

Nancy Bauer

FNC; Student Council; Speech
Club; Junior Play; Make-up
Club; YFC; Latin Club; Hi-Tri;
Scarab Royalty; Teen Town
Council; FBLA; Homecoming
Attendant; Scarab Royalty
Attendant





Darlene Bethel
FHA; Hi-Tri



Ronnie Betine
Track



Judy Bixler
FHA; FNC; Hi-Tri; Band



Bob Blake



Kenneth Bozovich
Football; Track; FFA



Donna Braden
Band; FBLA; FHA; Speech Club; Tri-M; Hi-Tri; District Music Contest; State Music Contest



Leroy Brandhorst
FFA, Sentinel, Vice-President



Wilda Bridges
FHA; FBLA, Reporter; Hi-Tri



Aline Bruce
Hi-Tri; FBLA



Gary Bruce
Football; Track



Glenna Bryant
Band; FNC; FBLA; Tri-M; Hi-Tri; Music Contest; French Club; Spanish Club



Carolyn Buntin
FHA; Hi-Tri; FBLA, Secretary; Spanish Club; FNC; served at Junior-Senior Reception

Larry Burgess
Key Club; Football; Track;
Echo Staff; Teen Town
Council

Velma Burns
Latin Club; FHA; YFC; Hi-Tri

Martha Busiere
Hi-Tri; Chorus; FNC; FHA;
YFC; GAA

Leslie Carter
DO

Robert Chapman
Basketball; Track; Football;
Speech Club, Treasurer; Junior
Play; Key Club

Betty Cochrane
FHA; Hi-Tri

Edna Cole
FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri

Dick Conti
Football; Track; Latin Club,
President; Chemistry Club; Mu
Alpha Theta, Secretary;
Lions' Honor Banquet

Gloria Coolock
FNC; FBLA; Hi-Tri; FHA

Bill Crawford
Football; Basketball; Johnson
City transfer; Class President;
Student Council

Darlene Darnell
FHA; Pep Club; GAA; Hi-Tri;
Chorus; FBLA

Glenda Davis
Sesser transfer; Band; Chorus;
GAA, Vice-President; Speech
Club; State and District Music
Contest; University of Illinois
All-State Chorus; Hi-Tri;
Junior Play Usher





Louise Davis
Mu Alpha Theta; GAA; Lions'
Club Banquet; Honorary Com-
mencement Usher; Math Field
Day; Hi-Tri

Mike Davis

Paul Davis
Football-Basketball-Track Man-
ager; Hi-Y; History Club, Vice-
President; Speech Club



Phyllis Davis
FHA; FBLA; Cadet; Hi-Tri

Paul DeGroff
Football; Track

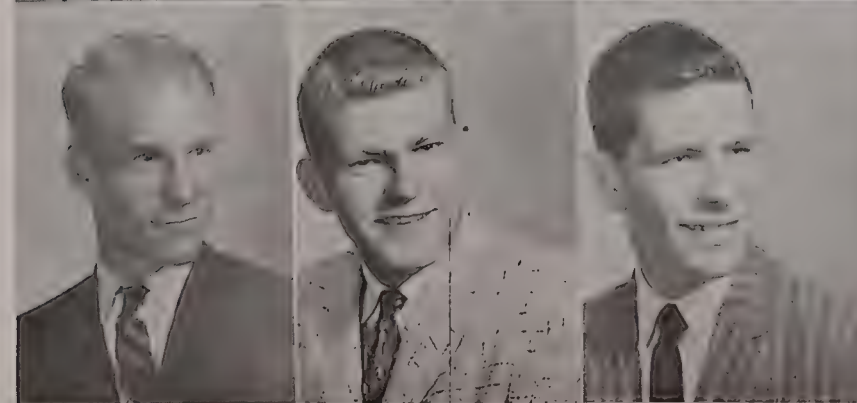
Jane Dillon
Student Council, Secretary;
FHA, Treasurer, Chairman of
Degrees, Parliamentarian;
Homecoming Attendant;
Hi-Tri, President; FBLA



Ronald Dixon
FFA, Treasurer

Clifton Duckworth
Mt. Vernon transfer; Mu Alpha
Theta; Lions' Honor Banquet

Martha Duckworth
GAA; Band; Echo Staff; FHA;
Chorus; Hi-Tri; FBLA, Vice-
President, State Director



Glen Dunn

John Elko

Jerry Eubanks
Track; Speech Club; Radio
Speaking Contests; Junior Play;
Senior Play; Thespians;
Scarab Staff

Denver Fisher
FFA

Lendall Fisher
FFA

Phil Foster
Junior Play; FFA; Thespians,
Representative; Speech Club

Dick Freese
Echo Staff; Football; Debate
Club

David Giacone
Football, Co-Captain; Track;
Latin Club; Marshal at Gradu-
ation; Mu Alpha Theta; Chem-
istry Club; Student Council,
Vice-President; Junior Class
President; Senior Class
Treasurer

Richard Glover

Carol Goff
Homecoming Attendant; Scarab
Royalty; FNC; Sophomore Class
Officer; Speech Club;
Thespians; Make-up Club;
FBLA; Latin Club; Library
Club; Chorus; Pep Club;
Scarab Staff; Hi-Tri

Charles Grammer
DO

Kathryn Gulley
FHA; Hi-Tri

Shirley Gulley
FHA, Recreation Chairman,
Projects Chairman; Hi-Tri
Council; FBLA; Pep Club; GAA

Ivan Gunter
Football; Track; Latin Club

Janet Hale
Chorus; FHA; Hi-Tri; Speech
Club





Wanda Hall
FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri



Margie Hammers
Chorus; FNC; FBLA; Hi-Tri



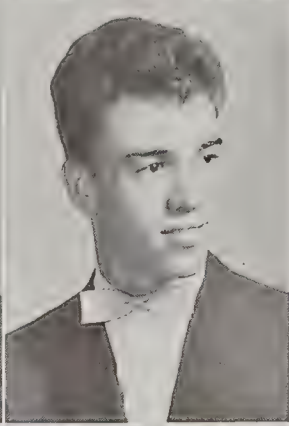
Linda Hartman
FNC; Latin Club; Lions' Club Banquet; Pep Club; Speech Club; Sophomore Vice-President; Chemistry Club; YFC; Hi-Tri Council; Math Field Day; History Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Scarab Staff; Student Council



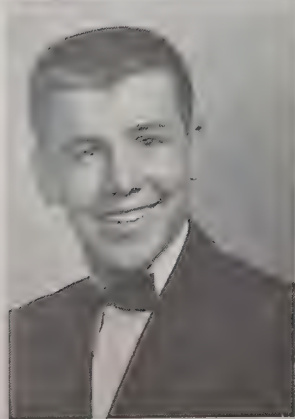
Esther Hays
Echo Staff; Mu Alpha Theta; FHA, Vice-President, President, Section II President; Band; GAA; Lions' Honor Banquet; Scarab Royalty; Hi-Tri, Secretary; Thespians, Treasurer; Speech Club, Vice-President; Homecoming Attendant; Junior Play; Debate Team



Bill Hedges
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Bob Hedges



Bill Hefner



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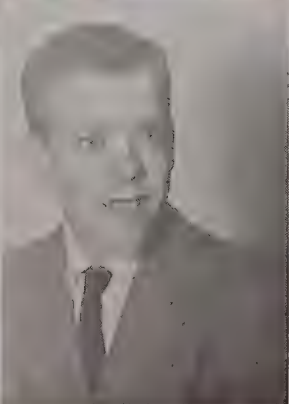
Larry Hobbs
FFA



Retha Holder
Echo Staff; Scarab Staff; Hi-Tri Council; YFC; FNC; FHA; Spanish Club; Chorus; Future Teachers Club; Honorary Commencement Usher



Brenda Hughes
FHA; Tri-M; Hi-Tri; FNC; Band, Secretary-Treasurer; Pep Club



Teddy James
Hi-Y; History Club

Robert Jilek
Football; Track; FFA

Jerry Johnson
Speech Club

Lloyd Johnson
Transfer from McLeansboro;
Football; FFA; Track

Nancy Johnson
Hi-Tri Council; FHA; FBLA

Nathan Johnson
Football; Track

Olivia Jones
Freshman Class Treasurer;
Newspaper Staff; FHA, Vice-
President; American Jr. Red
Cross; Chorus; Transfer from
North Carolina; Hi-Tri

Paula Jones
Scarab Staff; FNC; Junior Play;
FBLA; YFC; Make-up Club;
Hi-Tri Council; Teen Town
Secretary; Speech Club; Cheer-
leader; Echo Staff; Latin Club;
Cadet

Raymond Kettelman
Spanish Club; DO; Hi-Y

Arlen Kimball
Band; District and State Music
Contests; Benton Camera Club;
French Club; Dance Band

Danny Kimmel
Latin Club; History Club;
Chemistry Club; Physics Club

Joe Kimmel
Student Council; Key Club; Mu
Alpha Theta; Speech Club;
Chemistry Club; History Club;
President; Basketball; Football;
Track

Bill Lampley

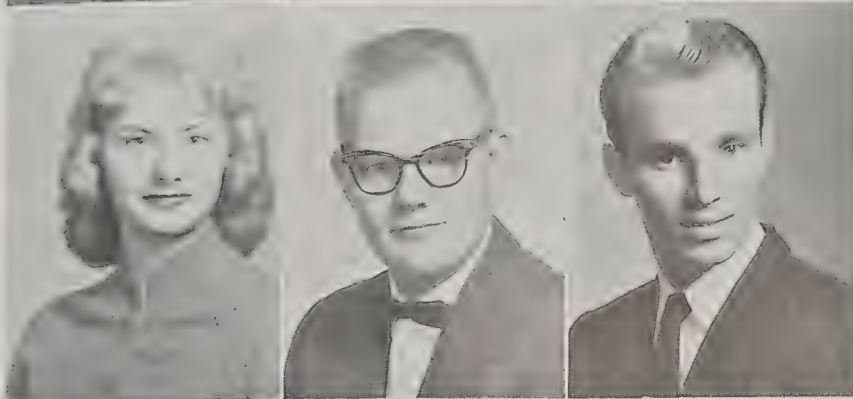




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Bonnie Legendre
Hi-Tri; FBLA

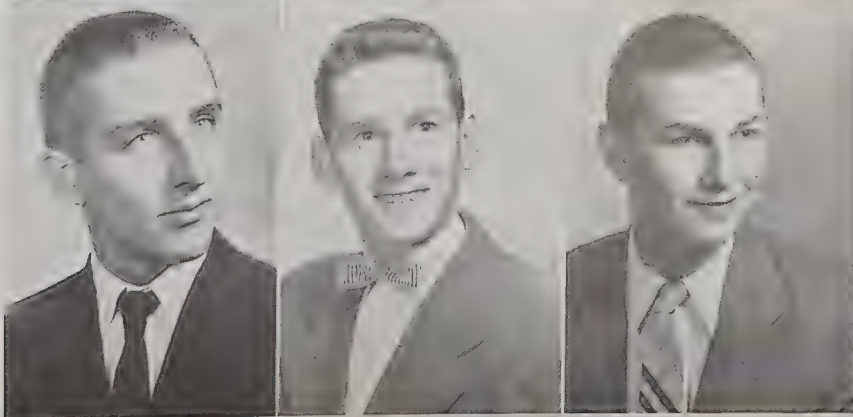
Larry Lewis
Basketball; Track; Key Club,
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Chemistry Club; Mu Alpha
Theta; Speech Club, Secretary,
President; Student Council;
Band; Lions' Honor Banquet



Elva Lindsey
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Frankfort Transfer; GAA;
FHA; Hi-Tri

Gordon Mandrell
Latin Club; FBLA

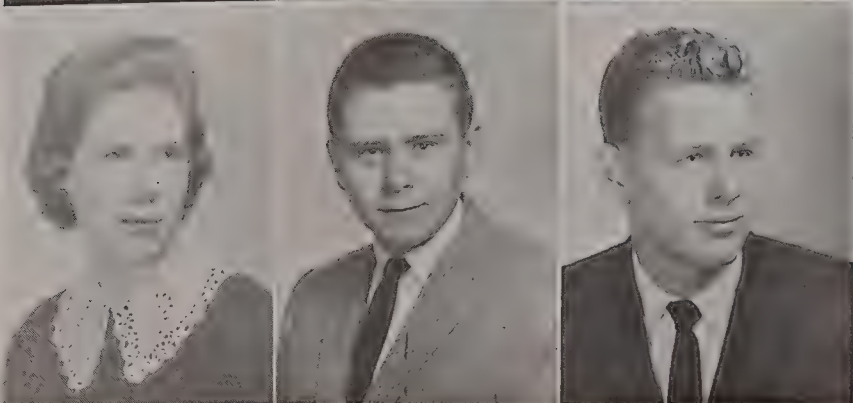
Larry Mandrell
Football; Track; FFA; Key
Club



Jim Manion

James McCoy

Tom McClearin



Roberta McDuffy
FHA; Pep Club; Chorus; Speech
Club; Lions' Honor Banquet;
Junior Play; FBLA, President;
Echo Staff; French Club; Hi-Tri

James McLaren

Robert McMahon
Football; Basketball; Track;
History Club

Pat Mick

Hi-Tri Council; FNC; FHA;
Chorus; Pep Club; Basketball
Clinic; Volleyball Clinic; GAA,
Sports Manager, President

David Miller

Speech Club; Thespians,
Representative; Junior Play

Virginia Milton

Freshman Vice-President; Stu-
dent Council; Tri-M; Latin
Club; Junior Vice-President;
Band, President; Hi-Tri, Treas-
urer; Solo Twirler; Drum
Majorette; Junior Play; Lions'
Honor Banquet; Graduation
Marshal; Homecoming Attend-
ant; Outstanding Band Member;
Girls' State

Mary Monroe

Hi-Tri; Sophomore Class Secre-
tary; FBLA; Pep Club; Latin
Club; Junior Play; Homecoming
Attendant; Make-up Club

Gerald Moore

FFA

Jerri Moore

Chorus; FHA; FNC; GAA;
FBLA; Hi-Tri; Echo Staff

Sharon Morris

FHA; Hi-Tri

Roger Mundell

Key Club; Football; Track

Larry Nagreski

FFA, Reporter, President; Mu
Alpha Theta, President; Echo
Staff; Band

Dick Neal

FFA

Karen Nix

Hi-Tri Council; FNC; Mu
Alpha Theta; Lions' Honor
Banquet; Youth for Christ,
Treasurer; Freshman Class
Secretary; Scarab Staff, Fresh-
man Co-Editor; Future
Teachers Club; Latin Club

Larry Odom

FFA





Ronnie Parish
History Club; Hi-Y

Brenda Payne
FHA; Courtesy Queen; Farm Journal Teen Board; Make-up Club; Pep Club; History Club; Thespians, President, Vice-President; Speech Club; Lions' Honor Banquet; Hi-Tri; Cheerleader; Chemistry Club, Secretary; Mu Alpha Theta; Honorary Commencement Usher; Junior Play; Latin Club; Echo Staff, Editor; Debate Team



Evelyn Payne
Honorary Commencement Usher; Latin Club; Pep Club; Hi-Tri; Scarab Staff, Editor; Make-up Club; Mu Alpha Theta; FBPA; Cheerleader; Teen Town Council; Junior Play; Homecoming Queen; Scarab Royalty Queen

Jan Payne
FHA; FBPA; GAA; Speech Club; Band; Hi-Tri

Phyllis Payne
GAA; Hi-Tri; FHA; Pep Club



Janet Peebles
Washington Transfer; FHA; Hi-Tri

Karen Phillips
Hi-Tri Council, Vice-President; Scarab Staff, Class Editor; Latin Club; FNC; YFC, Vice-President; Chorus; FHA

Betty Pinson
Latin Club; FNC; FBPA; Hi-Tri Council; Lions' Honor Banquet; Honorary Commencement Usher; Speech Club



Martha Price
FHA; Hi-Tri; FNC; FBPA

Wanda Ramsey
Transfer from Joliet; GAA; Hi-Tri; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club; Chorus

Myrna Ray
FNC; Latin Club; FHA; YFC; Hi-Tri; FBPA; Pep Club; FTA

Mary Rea
FHA; Chorus; Hi-Tri; DO

Dave Rhodes
Football; Basketball; Key Club

Brenda Rice
Latin Club; Pep Club; Hi-Tri

Ronald Rice



Dale Richardson
FFA, Reporter

Melvin Richardson
FFA; DO

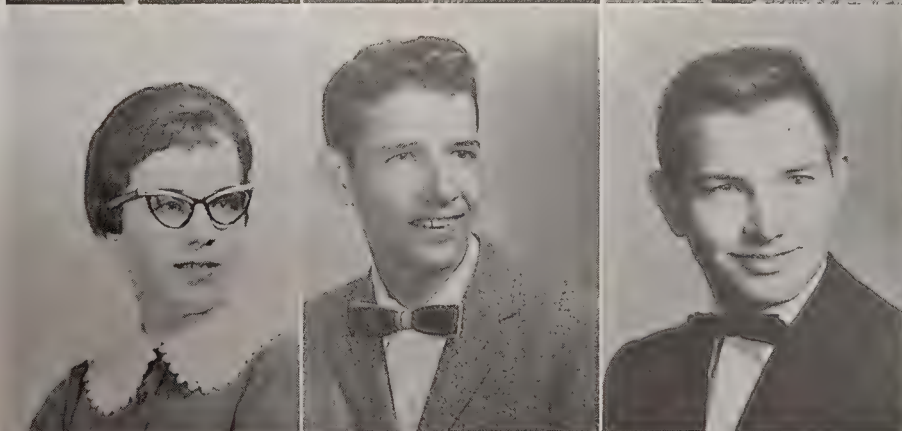
Curt Richerson
Scarab Royalty; Student Council; Key Club, President; Senior Class President; Basketball; Football; Track



Beverly Roach
FHA; Pep Club; Hi-Tri; FBLA

Roy Robinson
Transfer from Pope County; Basketball; Softball

Merril Rose



Larry Sanders
FFA; Track; Football; Spanish Club; Chemistry Club

Tom Saxe
FFA; Basketball; Hi-Y; Football; Track; Mu Alpha Theta; Speech Club; Junior Class Treasurer

George Schooling
Transfer from McLeansboro; FFA; Speech Club; Hi-Y





Kathy Schram

GAA; Chorus; Pep Club; Band;
FNC; Secretary; Hi-Tri Council;
Teen Town Council; YFC,
Vice-President; DO, President

Robert Schwartz

Band; District Music Contest;
Latin Club; Hi-Y; Chemistry
Club; History Club; Speech
Club

Mike Sevenski

Latin Club; Key Club, Treasurer;
Teen Town Council



Patricia Shaffer

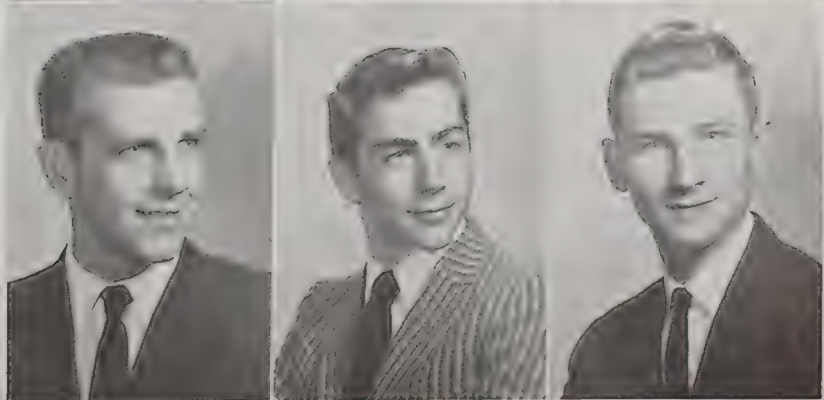
Hi-Tri; Scarab Staff; FNC;
Latin Club; FBLA; Pep Club;
Transfer from Paducah

Joyce Shaw

FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri

Gayla Simpson

Library Club, President; Make-
up Club; Speech Club; FNC;
Pep Club; FBLA; Hi-Tri



Ronald Simpson

Football; Key Club; Track;
Student Council

Richard Singer

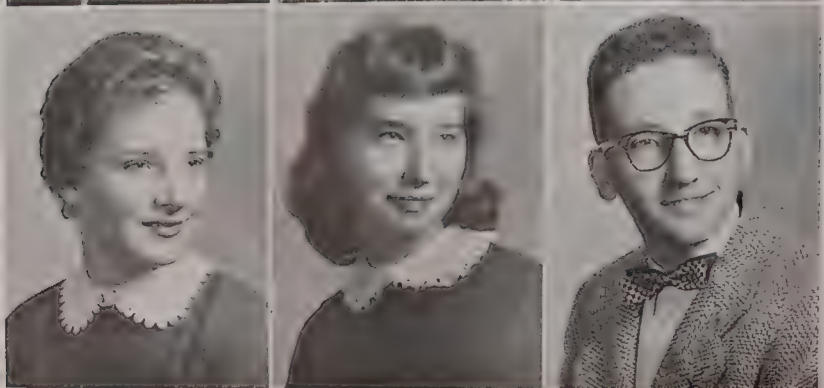
Transfer from St. Louis; Band;
Junior Play

Ronald Sink

FFA

JoNita Slawickey

FHA; FNC; YFC, Secretary,
President; Pep Club; Latin
Club; Secretary of Junior Class;
FTA; Speech Club; Hi-Tri



Joan Smith

Hi-Tri; YFC; Chorus; GAA;
Pep Club; Spanish Club,
Treasurer; FNC, Vice-
President

Joseph Smith

Latin Club; Chemistry Club;
Mu Alpha Theta

Sandra Smith
 Hi-Tri; Mu Alpha Theta; Echo
 Staff; Make-up Club; Latin
 Club; Speech Club

Linda Smothers
 FNC; YFC; Chorus; FBLA,
 Vice-president; Hi-Tri

Lindell Smothers
 Football; Track

Ralph Sneed

Villa Sneed
 FNC; Hi-Tri; YFC; FBLA;
 Speech Contest; Junior Play;
 Senior Play Publicity Manager;
 GAA; Thespians, Secretary;
 Echo Staff; Speech Club;
 Letter Girl; Scarab Typist

Carmen Spillman
 Pep Club; Hi-Tri; FHA

Janice Story
 Transfer from Alton; FHA;
 Thespians; Band; Hi-Tri;
 Pep Club

Ed Summers
 Basketball; Track; Latin Club;
 Sophomore Class President;
 Student Council; Senior Class
 Vice-President; Teen Town
 Council, Vice-President;
 Scarab Royalty Attendant

Pauline Summers
 Spanish Club; Hi-Tri; FBLA;
 GAA; FNC; Junior Play Usher;
 Volleyball Clinic; Pep Club

James Swofford
 Track

James Tate
 DO

Jean Taylor
 FHA; Hi-Tri; FNC; Echo
 Staff; Chorus; DO

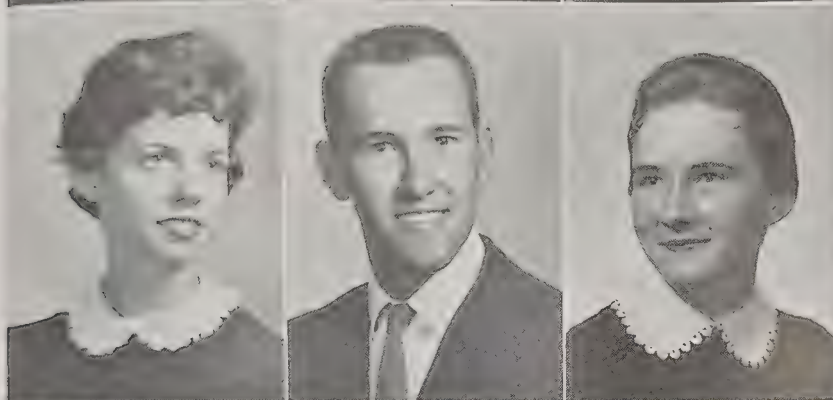




Carol Tedeschi
FHA; Spanish Club; FBLA;
Chorus; Echo Staff; Hi-Tri

Barbara Tedrow
FNC; Hi-Tri; DO, Secretary,
Vice-President; YFC; Echo
Staff; Speech Club; Latin Club;
Pep Club

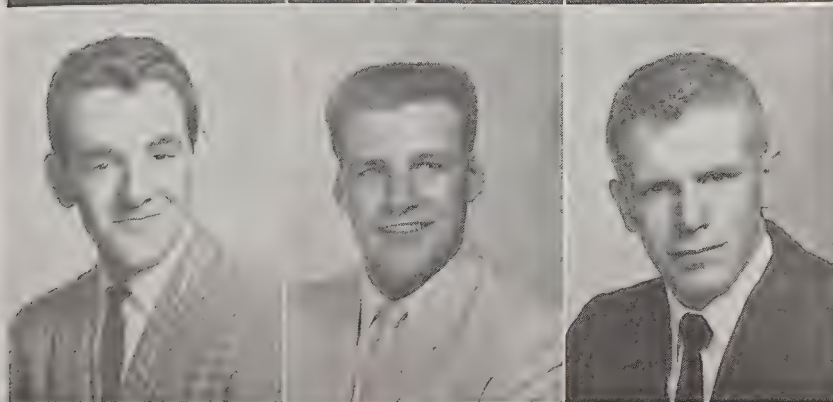
Brenda Thomas
Hi-Tri; Speech Club; FNC,
President; GAA; Latin Club;
YFC; Speech Contests; FBLA;
Junior Play Usher



Carolyn Threlkeld
FBLA; Hi-Tri

John Tucker
Latin Club; Chemistry Club;
Speech Club; Mu Alpha Theta;
Lions' Honor Banquet; Football;
Debate Team; President of Mu
Alpha Theta

Barbara Upchurch
Band; FHA; FNC; Pep Club;
Hi-Tri



Larry Wiggins
Speech Club; Band; Dance
Band; Student Band Director;
State and District Music
Contests

Jim Wilcox

Mike Williams
Latin Club; Senior Class Secre-
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urer; Football-Track-Basketball
Manager

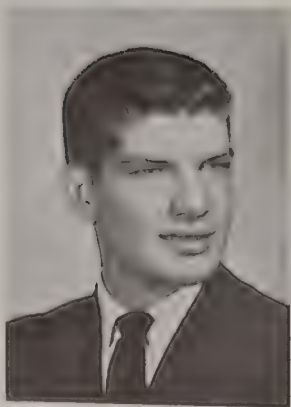


Evan Willis

Marvin Wilson
Transfer from Thompsonville;
Track; FFA; Baseball

Phyllis Wilson
Chorus, Vice-President; Pep
Club; Latin Club; Hi-Tri;
FBLA

Tom Young
Basketball; Track; YFC; History
Club; Boy's Chorus





Richard Bohlander, President; Marietta Spencer, Vice President; Joyce Kuykendall, Secretary; Austin Story, Treasurer; Miss Adkisson and Mr. Upchurch, sponsors.

Junior Class

We are the "Jolly Juniors" of Benton High School. We have experienced our first year as upperclassmen. We feel we are ready to take over where the seniors left off.

The class has done many things worth while. We sponsored the annual Junior Play, "The Unguided Miss," under the direction of Mr. John Miller to a large and appreciative audience. We were also hosts to the Seniors at the Junior-Senior Reception.

This was the long awaited year for selection of our Junior Class rings.

We have gradually developed knowledge and experience of school life and are looking forward to our last year of high school.



Mary Bain

Lana Barminski

Juanita Barnfield

Charles Baxter



Ferrel Bennett

Darla Biggs

Richard Bohlander

Tom Bolen



Bob Bridges

Sue Browning

Larry Bruno

Mary Burgess



Karin Canada

Lucille Casey

Sandra Chance

Don Cochrane



Terry Cook

Ronald Corbin

Marjorie Cox

Rick Crawford



Brenda Cunningham

David Dalby

Sue Dallape

Jeanette Dann



Phillip Darnell

Stephen Deiro

Diana Denham

Linda Dethrow





Arthur Dobrzynski
 Ted Donosky
 Linda Dorris
 Sue Doty

Mary Drew
 Larry Dugger
 Sandra Dugger
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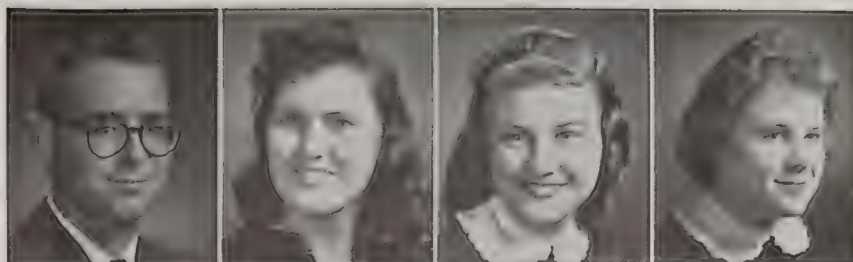
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David Hall
 John Hamilton
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Joyce Hefner
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Roberta Hoffstetter



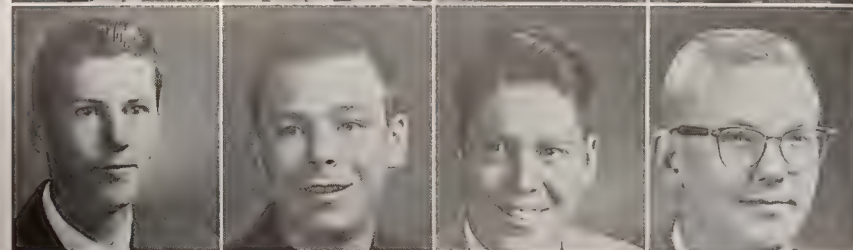
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Marshal Kennedy
Bill Kerley



Dennis Kern
Mark Kern
Lorreta King
Lynn Knapp



Virginia Knight
Beverly Kolisek
Sharon Koschuch
Hugh Kucewesky





Joyce Kuykendall
 Nick Lenard
 Richard Lenard
 Susan Link

Jim Luster
 Vernon Markel
 Gary May
 Phyllis McAfoos

Wayne McClendon
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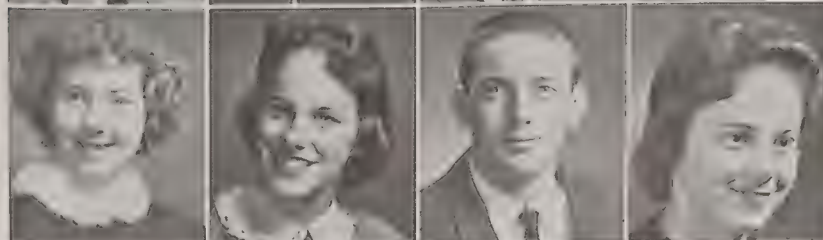
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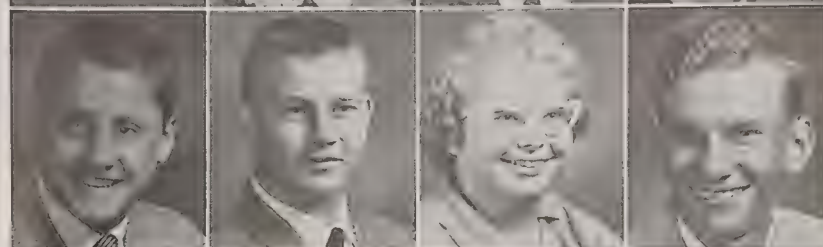
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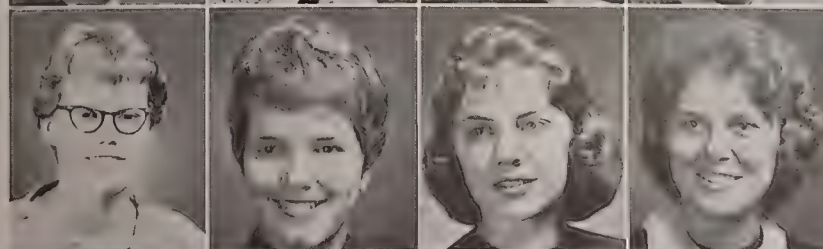
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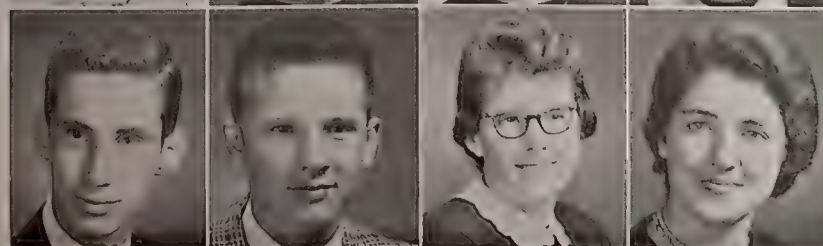
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 Marilyn Sanders
 Frank Sandusky



Ruth Ann Schultz
 Carolyn Sears
 Diana Shew
 Loma Shreves



Gordon Sims
 Gary Sink
 Linda Smith
 Sally Smith





Terry Smothers
Carolyn Sneed
Marilyn Spain
Marietta Spencer

Eddie Stevens
Dick Stewart
Delores Stockton
Austin Story

Jerry Stringer
Sharon Struble
Rosie Stull
Donna Summers

Max Summers
Ruby Taylor
Ruth Ann Taylor
Carl Tedrow

Nedra Terry
Joyce Todd
Robert Louis Tucker
Jim Upchurch

Brenda Van Horn
Sandra Webb
Sue Webb
Jim Wells

Jane Ellen Wertz
Ruth Ann West
Donna White
Cathy Whittier

Bill Wiggs
Edna Wiggs
Barry Williams
Charles Williams



Maurice Williams
Mary Winemiller
Sue Woolard
Marie Zinzilietta





Wiley Hall, President; Janice Prowell, Vice President; Thelma Baker, Secretary; Reta Dungy, Treasurer; Mrs. Neal and Mr. Aiken, sponsors.

Sophomore Class

We are the "Silly Sophomores" of Benton High School. During our second year of High School, we participated in many school activities and thoroughly learned the routine of high school life.

One of our main responsibilities this year was working in the concession stands during the football and basketball seasons.

We are looking forward to next year when we will be juniors and upperclassmen. We are familiar with all the scenes of school and the social life. We are very glad to graduate to the ranks of upperclassmen.



Doris Adams
 Danny Alexander
 Joyce Anderson
 Terri Arnold
 Raymend Aumiller



Robert Asher
 Kenneth Bain
 Thelma Baker
 Charles Barlow
 Paula Barrel



Gary Beattie
 Priscilla Beatty
 Barbara Betine
 Patricia Bixler
 Donna Blagg



John Border
 Joe Brandibas
 Don Brooks
 Shirley Buntin
 Ruth Ann Carlton



Donald Carter
 Nikki Doty
 Mary Lou Chance
 Linda Cockrum
 Bill Paul Conner



Jerry Conner
 Sharon Conner
 Glenna Conti
 Joe Cook
 Mary Evelyn Dalby



Evaline Darnell
 Carolyn Davis
 Gary Davis
 Janet Davis
 Richard Davis



Roberta Davis
 Ruth Ann Davis
 David Day
 Jim Day
 Jerri Doty





May Etta Doty
Ernest Duckworth
Rita Dungy
Jerri Dunn
Barbara Eldridge



Brenda Eubanks
Della Sue Ezell
Shiela Fielden
Curtis Fisher
David T. Flannigan



Virgil Flannigan
Connie Flatt
Patty Frailey
Jack Frick
Winona Fryer



Jean Gant
Ronnie Giaccone
Carl Grammer
Georgia Groves
Curtis Gunter



Evelyn Hall
Wiley Hall
Billy Haney
Carol Haney
Ronnie Head



David Hefner
Suzane Hill
Judy Holm
Ray Hosick
Mary Ann Hughes



Randy Hungate
Lou Ann Johnston
Mike Joplin
Janet Keelen
Bob Kent



Kay Kerley
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Martha Kern
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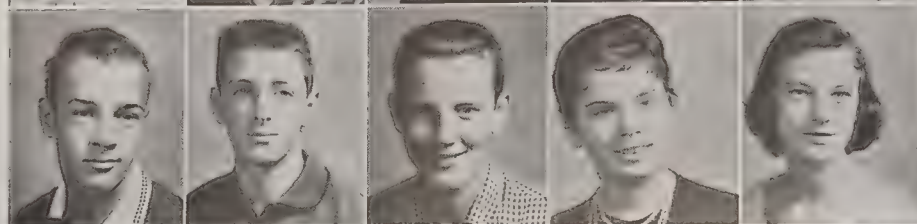
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Judy McCleron
Candace McClerran
Tommy McEndree
Judy McKinnon



Jerry McPherson
Gary Messersmith
Linda Moore
Terry Moore
Betty Lou Neal



Paul Neal
Rickie Nix
Bob Orchid
Betty Overturf
Patsy Pace



Nancy Parrish
Toni Paulavish
Lila Pedigo
Jerry Perry
Jean Phillips



Kay Piercy
Joan Pickard
Val Pritchett
Janice Prowell
Alecia Puckett



Virginia Reynolds
Mery Reed
Glenda Rhine
Sandie Richards
Mike Roberson



Wanda Roberts
Robert Everett Robinson
Art Rockick
Joe Roger
Ric Sassans





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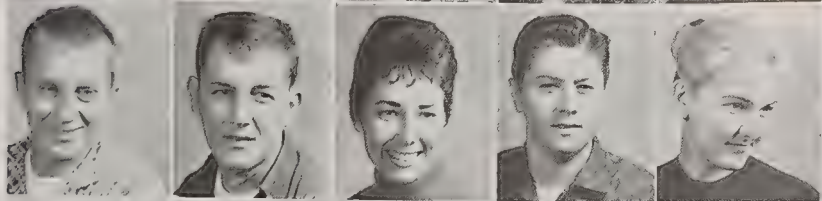
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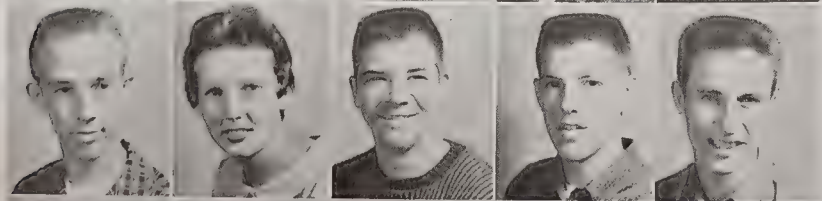
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Rena Sullivan
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James Summers
Nancy Swinney



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Eddie Tasky
Judy Tate
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Crystal Taylor



Fred Taylor
Mary Taylor
Robert Terry
Terry Thomas
Tommy Threewitt



Karen Tittsworth
Adrian Walker
Rex Walker
Rita Webb
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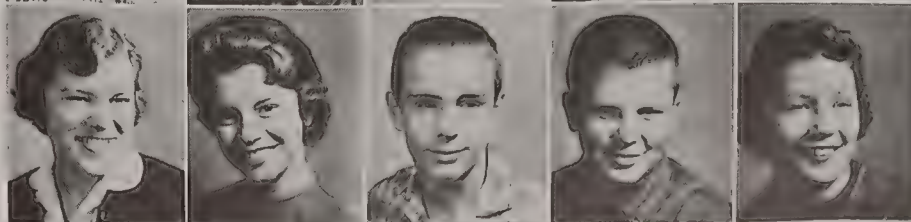


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Paula West
Tommy Whittington
Kenneth Wilkinson
Richard Wilkerson

Eugene Wilkerson
 Diana Wiggs
 Rita Wiggs
 David Williams
 Skip Williams



Alice Willis
 Phyllis Winemiller
 Ferrel Winemiller
 Mack Wynn
 Diana Upchurch



David Upchurch





Mike Gulley, President; Richard Morris, Vice President; Gretchen VanLeer, Secretary; Iris Stewart, Treasurer; Mrs. Rea and Mr. Miller, sponsors.

Freshman Class

We are the "Green Freshman" of Benton High School. After the first few weeks we had learned the basic fundamentals of high school life. Many had joined at least one club and found the outside activities very interesting.

We have learned to study so as to get the best knowledge possible from our studies and textbooks. Our teachers have helped a great deal in this way. The upperclassmen and faculty have made us feel like we are really a part of this high school.

The many activities we have taken part in cannot compare with those to come. Since the first day we have made new friends. We are all looking forward to the next three years as students of Benton Consolidated High School with the knowledge of new friends and new activities to come and better understanding of the world we live in.



Sharon Absher
 Carol Adams
 Roy Adams
 Archie Alexander
 Madeline Alldredge
 William Applegate
 Kenneth Barnfield
 James Beaty
 Darlene Bennett
 Herman Gail Bennett
 David Bozovich
 James Bradley
 Ronnie Bryant
 Alan Bullington
 Kenneth Burzynski
 Cliff Wayne Carmon
 Janet Carter
 Ronnie Cardwell
 Gale Clinton
 Carroll Cluck
 Mary Cluck
 Richard Cluck
 Mary Cockrane
 Gordon Cole
 George Conner
 Gayla Conover
 Jesse Craig
 Robert Crawford
 Linda Dallape
 Beulah Darnell
 James Darr
 Robert Davis
 Donnie Dorris
 Alan Doty
 Letha Doty
 Roger Edwards
 Jerry Elam
 Sandra Eubanks
 Gary Forby
 Victor Foster
 Jack Frost
 Sylvia Galles
 Maureen German
 Larry Gibbs
 Janice Gifford
 Rodney Goessman
 Sharon Grammer
 Clettus Grimes
 Clydean Gulley
 Mike Gulley
 Dorothy Hale
 Marilyn Hall
 Sharon Hall
 Marvin Hammers
 Max Harmon
 Ramona Hawkins
 Jody Harris
 Bonita Heiple
 Robert Hickman
 Linda Higgerson
 Jack Holman
 Sharon Holman
 Leona Hood





Donna Hulsizer
Gary Ingram
Constance Jeffries
Hal Jerrells
Larry Johnston
John Kettleman
Glenda King

Karen Kirk
Audrey Knight
Karen Knight
Carolyn Kramer
Ronald Lampley
Brenda Lefler
Linda Lewis

Beverly Lindsey
Michael Livesay
Bob Martin
Duffy McAfoos
David McAlpin
Wesley McCommons
Cheryl McEndree

Marsha McEndree
Lana McKown
Carolyn McMahon
James McRoy
Paul Meeks
Judy Mickel
Carol Miles

Jack Monroe
Jo Ann Morris
Gale Moss
Donnie Neal
Michael Norman
Nancy Norman
Judith Overturf

Peggy Overturf
Bill Owens
Shirley Parks
Judith Pate
Charles Paul
Tommy Payne
Billy Pearce

William Perkins
Donald Piazza
Janet Arlene Pickard
Loyld Ray Pickard
George Price
Linda Prior
Poseph Sam Prowell

Margaret Pulliam
Shirley Pyszka
Carolyn Reed
Luan Rice
Ronnie Rick
Una Kay Richardson
Raymond Roberson

Gary Robinson
Leslie Rone
Rosemary Sanders
Larry Saxe
Lana Schulz
Bobby Shaw

Sharon Simpkins
 Freeman Slayton
 Geneva Smith
 Harold Smith
 Zackie Smith
 Macy Smith
 Bonita Snider

Eugenia Somers
 Jeff Spencer
 Larry Spilman
 Warren Stark
 Frankie Stewart
 Iris Lynn Stewart
 Brenda Stowers

Juva Lynn Stringer
 Brenda Stull
 Bobby Sullivan
 Cecil Sullivan
 Earnst Sullivan
 Janice Summers
 Robert Summers

Franklin Sweetin
 Larry Tate
 Brenda Threlkeld
 Richard Thelkeld
 Frances Tiberend
 Bill Todd
 Walter Trapper

Leigh Treadwell
 Phyllis Treece
 Erna Upchurch
 Gretchen Van Leer
 Robert Waller
 Clifton Warren
 John Warren

Jeanne Wells
 Kenneth Wheat
 William Whittington
 Billy Wilkerson
 Jeanene Wilkerson
 Linda Wilkerson
 Ted Wilkerson

Lynn Dee Williams
 Standley Williams
 Jim Willis
 Tim Wills
 Betty Winemiller
 Dallas Wingo
 Betty Woolard

Larry Woodland
 David Wright
 David Wyant
 Don Wyant
 Larry Wyant





SPORTS





Front row: Max Summers, Mike Owens, Jerry Stringer, Roger Mundell, and Danny Falcomata. Second row: Larry Sanders,

John Tucker, Tom Saxe, Jim Bain, Phil Darnell.

Varsity Football

The 1959 Ranger football season left something to be desired in the way of good fortune. With injuries plaguing the key men on the Benton team, the maroon and white were only able to compile a record of three wins and seven losses.

The poor record of the grid men in no way shows the thrilling action that the injury riddled Rangers displayed with their hard tackling and sharp blocking under the direction of Head Coach Ralph Davison and assistants Glen Trulove, Gene Ernest, and Jim Lynch.

Bright spots on the Ranger record consist of a thrilling 21-7 victory over the West Frankfort Redbirds in the Thanksgiving Day classic and an All-State guard in the person of Bill Crawford. Bill is the first Benton player to be named to the All-State team in a number of years.

Senior members of the squad who donned a Ranger uniform for the last time were Ken Bozovich, Gary Bruce, Larry Burgess, Bill Crawford, Paul DeGroff, Nate Johnson, Roger Mundell, Larry Sanders, Tom Saxe, John Tucker, and Co-Captains David Giacone and Jim Bain.

We at BCHS are proud of our coaching staff, our cheerleaders, the loyal fans who backed the team win or lose, the varsity lettermen, and the boys who took the bumps and bruises in practice.

Jim Lynch, Ralph Davison, Glen Trulove, and Gene Ernest.





Front row: Gary Bruce, Mike Moss, Gene Miller, Dave Giacone, Ronnie House. Back row: Doyle Morris, Gordon Rice, Larry Rush-

er, Richard Lenard.

Front row: Bill Crawford, Kenneth Bozovich, Larry Burgess, Nate Johnson, Paul De Groff. Back row: Mike Price, David Hall, Terry

Cook, Bill Kerley, Marvin Reed, Dennis Kern.





VARSITY

51—Gene Miller

52—Mike Moss

53—Garry Bruce

60—Ronnie House

61—Larry Burgess

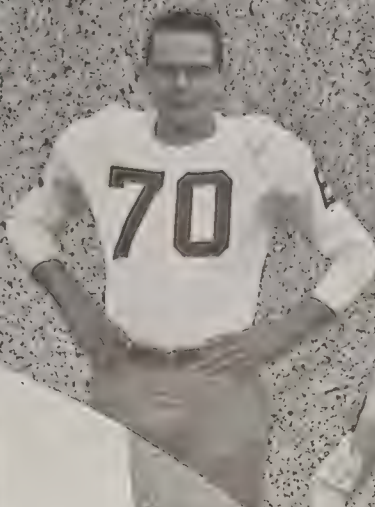
70—Bill Crawford

71—Terry Cook

72—Kenneth Bozovich

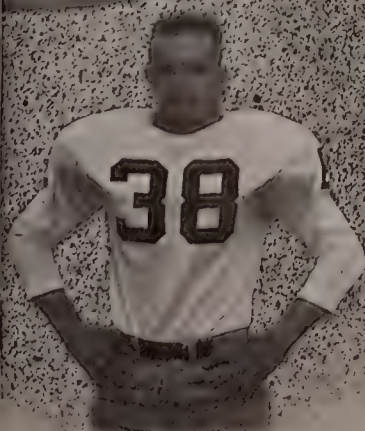
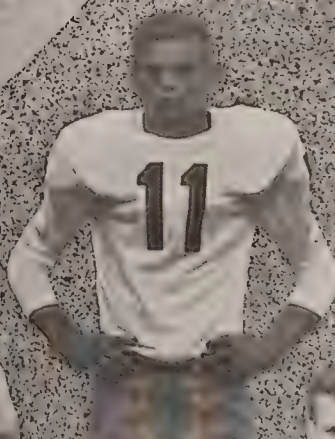
73—Nate Johnson

81—Gene Mitchell



LETTERMEN

- 5—Jerry Stringer
- 6—Marvin Reed
- 7—Max Summers
- 8—Danny Falcomata
- 9—Mike Owens
- 11—Jim Bain
- 12—Tom Saxe
- 37—Roger Mundell
- 38—Mike Price
- 50—David Giaccone





Ranger huddle before the Marion game.



Halfback Mike Owens tries his own right end in the Turkey day game.



Fullback Roger Mundell breaks loose for a long gain in the Christopher game.



First row: S. Duckworth, H. Smith, R. Lynch, B. Orchid, S. Williams, R. Head, T. Thomas. Second row: J. Conner, T. Threewitt, B. Conner, B. Sprillman, W. Hall, L. Saxe, R. Hungate. Third row:

J. Webster, E. Wilkerson, R. Threlkeld, M. Wynn, B. Applegate, R. Adams, M. Norman, W. Steward, J. Brandibus, J. Darr.

Freshmen and Sophomore Football

First row: B. Crawford, J. Darr, B. Applegate, T. Wills, F. Sweetin, R. Adams, H. Jerrels, R. Threllseld, M. Livesay, S. Forby, L. Saxe. Second row: J. Spencer, T. Payne, W. McCommons,

D. Neal, B. Martin, R. Morris, M. Norman, J. Warren, B. Owens, K. Wheat, R. Rich, G. Ingram, D. Bozovich.





Co-captain David Giacone and junior tackle Terry Cook team up to stop an end run to their side during the Harrisburg game.

The number one backers of our football and basketball players are the girls in maroon and white who are known as our BCHS Cheerleaders. Regardless of whether the Rangers were winning or losing, these girls could always be found leading the shouts and yells of encouragement.

In this past year the following girls were fortunate enough to be selected for these duties:

Brenda Payne
 Donna White
 Diana Shew
 Evelyn Payne
 Judy Pate
 Jody Harris
 Mary Lou Chance
 Judy Short





'59 - '60 Basketball





10 Captain Curt Richerson
Senior Guard



14 Tom Saxe
Senior Guard



24 Joe Kimmel
Senior Forward

VARSITY SQUAD '59 - '60

Assistant Coach Glenn Trulove, Freshman Coach Jim Lynch, Sophomore Coach Gene Earnest, and Head Coach Ralph Davison.





32 Mark Kern
Junior Guard



34 Robert McMahon
Senior Forward



40 Tom Whittington
Sophomore Center

42 Terry Thomas
Sophomore Guard



44 Robert Chapman
Senior Forward

50 Gene Miller
Junior Forward



54 Bill Kerley
Junior Forward

52 Bill Crawford
Senior Forward





1st row: Tom Saxe, Bill Crawford, Mark Kern, Terry Thomas, and Captain Curt Richerson. 2nd row: Joe Kimmel, Robert McMahon, Bill Kerley, Robert Chapman, Tom Whittington, and Gene Miller.

VARSITY REVIEW

The 1959-60 Ranger basketball squad compiled a rather unimpressive record of only seven wins in twenty-seven starts. The Rangers were second to none with their drive and determination but often lacked the scoring punch that meant the difference between a win or a loss. Only one starter returned from last year's team that did such a marvelous job at tournament time that they were commonly referred to as the "Cinderella Team" of the state tourney. Much valuable experience was gained by the younger members of the team and next year the Rangers should be a real threat in the rugged South Seven Conference.





1st row: Larry Spillman, Larry Saxe, Randy Hungate, Wiley Hall.
2nd row: Bob Orchid, Ernie Duckworth, Robert Crawford, Ronnie

Head, and Richard Davis.

Fresh - Soph Squad

Freshman Squad

1st row: H. Smith, L. Saxe, L. Spillman, R. Morris, R. Pickard.
2nd row: W. McCommons, R. Threlkeld, D. Wyant, J. D. Darr,
M. Norman, G. Forby, J. Sencer, B. Owens. 3rd row: R. Rich,

M. Livesay, T. Wills, H. Jerrels, B. Martin, B. Applegate, R.
Adams, D. Wright, Z. Smith.

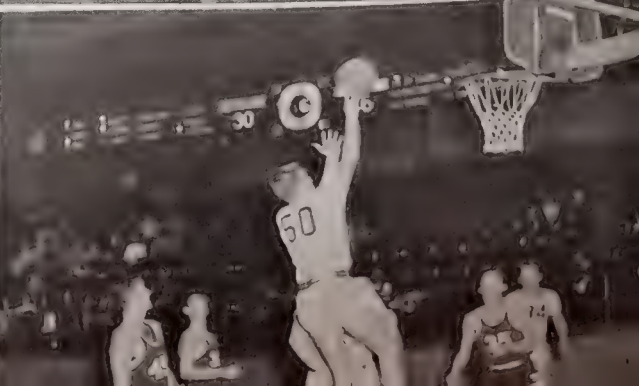




Regional Tournament

In the first round of the regional tournament at West Frankfort, the Rangers met the Sesser Red Devils and emerged victorious by a 25 point margin. The semi-finals were played on a cold and snowy March 3. The Rangers opponents were the Johnston

City Indians, who had crept by the Rangers in an earlier non-tournament game. The score was close all the way until the last minutes of the game when the Indians were able to pull ahead by six points and win by a score of 51 to 45.





Top Left: The Four J's — Joe Kimmel, Jeff Ferguson, Joe West, and Jay Webb.

Top Right: Jeff Ferguson coming across the line at the Frankfort relays.

Bottom Left: Joe Kimmel and Joe West making baton exchange.

Bottom Right: Coach Ralph Davison supervising his boys in practice.

Track

The 1959 Ranger track season had several outstanding performers even though the season got off to a slow start due to bad weather. Under the supervision of coaches Ralph Davison, Glenn Trulove and Gene Ernest, the squad took part in seven major meets and placed near the top in six of them. In the first meet of the season, the County Meet, the Rangers

chalked up 36 $\frac{5}{6}$ points to finish a close third behind Christopher and West Frankfort. In the next three meets, the Mineral Meet at Carbondale, the West Frankfort Relays, and the Carbondale Relays, the squad placed near the top in scoring to the winning Centralia team.



Eddie Summers, Tom Saxe, Larry Lewis, and David Giacone take a hurdle in practice.



George Warren shows good form clearing the bar.

In the most important meet of the season, the South Seven Conference Meet, the squad placed fourth behind Centralia, Marion, and Mt. Vernon.

At the annual district meet in Carbondale, the squad again placed near the top in scoring but also

managed to qualify two boys for the state meet in Champaign. The two qualifiers, Joe West and Jeff Ferguson, took part in the state meet but both failed to score.



Robert Chapman practicing before a meet.



Tom Saxe tries his skill at clearing a high hurdle.

Sports Scores, 1959 - 60

FOOTBALL SOUTH SEVEN CONFERENCE

	Won	Lost
Centralia - - - - -	6	0
Herrin - - - - -	5	1
Mt. Vernon - - - - -	4	2
Harrisburg - - - - -	3	3
Benton - - - - -	2	4
Frankfort - - - - -	1	5
Marion - - - - -	0	6

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Benton - - 19	Metropolis - - 6
Benton - - 0	Centralia - - 40
Benton - - 13	Marion - - 0
Benton - - 6	Murphysboro - 25
Benton - - 7	Herrin - - 27
Benton - - 0	Mt. Vernon - 26
Benton - - 0	Eldorado - - 19
Benton - - 0	Harrisburg - - 7
Benton - - 25	Christopher - 31
Benton - - 21	Frankfort - - 7

FRESH-SOPH FOOTBALL

Benton - - 32	Metropolis - - 0
Benton - - 0	Centralia - - 37
Benton - - 13	Marion - - 0
Benton - - 33	Murphysboro - 14
Benton - - 25	Herrin - - 14
Benton - - 41	Frankfort - - 0
Benton - - 12	Mt. Vernon - - 6
Benton - - 28	Eldorado - - 19
Benton - - 12	Harrisburg - - 6

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Benton - - 20	Herrin - - 48
Benton - - 13	Christopher - 7
Benton - - 0	Frankfort - 19
Benton - - 13	Harrisburg - 6

VARSITY BASKETBALL

	Won	Lost
Frankfort - - - - -	9	3
Harrisburg - - - - -	7	5
Herrin - - - - -	7	5
Marion - - - - -	7	5
Mt. Vernon - - - - -	7	5
Centralia - - - - -	5	7
Benton - - - - -	0	12

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCORES

Benton - - 54	Christopher - 32
Benton - - 57	Mt. Vernon - 72
Benton - - 54	Carbondale Com. 50
Benton - - 60	Marion - - 63
Benton - - 61	Herrin - - 79
Benton - - 50	Harrisburg - 82
Benton - - 41	Johnston City - 43
Benton - - 49	W. Frankfort - 50
Benton - - 49	Mt. Vernon - 73
Benton - - 65	Marion - - 66
Benton - - 56	W. Frankfort - 74
Benton - - 40	Herrin - - 59
Benton - - 78	Eldorado - - 63

Benton - - 55	Harrisburg - - 78
Benton - - 46	Centralia - - 58
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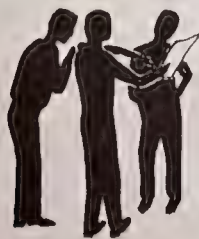
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ACTIVITIES





As a special theme for the 1959 homecoming, the committee chose Bali Ha'i. Upon a beautifully decorated stage, Miss Evelyn Payne was crowned home-

coming Queen by co-captains David Giacone and Jim Bain.



Miss Mary Monroe



Miss Nancy Bauer



Miss Sharon McCollum



Miss Mary Ann Eskew



Miss Mary Lou Chance



Miss Judy Short

After a very successful game of football in which the Benton Rangers defeated the West Frankfort Redbirds, the exciting moment of the homecoming dance and coronation arrived. The queen, Miss Evelyn Payne, was chosen by the football team, and the attendants, two from each class, were chosen by their classmates.



Miss Jody Harris



Miss Judy Pate



Miss Evelyn Payne and Mr. Jim Bain

Scarab Royalty

Crowned this year as Scarab Royalty King and Queen were Miss Evelyn Payne and Mr. Jim Bain. They were chosen by the entire student body and their attendants from each class were chosen by their respective classes. The attendants are: Miss Nancy

Bauer and Mr. Eddie Summers, *seniors*; Miss Dee Rice and Mr. Ted Donosky, *juniors*; Miss Janet Keelen and Mr. Wiley Hall, *sophomores*; and Miss Judy Pate and Mr. Mike Gulley, *freshmen*.



Mr. Eddie Summers
Miss Nancy Bauer



Miss Dee Rice
Mr. Ted Donosky



Miss Janet Keelen
Mr. Wiley Hall



Miss Judy Pate
Mr. Mike Gulley



1st Row: Martha Duckworth, Carol Tedeschi, Jerri Morre, Roberta McDuffy. 2nd Row: Doris Aiken, Esther Hays, Beverly Kolisek. 3rd Row: Cathy Whittier, Brenda Midyett, and Lynn Knapp.



1st Row: Marilyn Morris, Rosemary Rice, Edith Reed, Diane Shew, Marietta Spencer, and Glenda Gilliam. 2nd Row: Lana Barminski, Sandra Dugger, Larry Nagreski, Larry Burgess, Gary Messersmith, Tom Saxe, and Terry Smothers.



Brenda Payne, Editor; Paula Jones, Feature Editor; Robert Allison, Sports Editor; Bob Bridges, News Editor.

Echo Staff

The *Echo*, under the sponsorship of Miss Ellen Burkhardt, means the "voice of the school." It is published every two weeks, and it plays a big part in the public relations of the school. Its job is to inform students about the happenings in and around the school. The *Echo's* policy is to try and print news about every student, showing no favoritism, and printing no gossip.

The members of the staff are strictly volunteers, but being a member has its rewards. A really worthwhile reporter benefits by writing better themes. Every Editor of the *Echo* has been listed among the Ten Outstanding Seniors chosen by the faculty and has gone on to college and been among the highest ranking students.

One of the activities of the *Echo* is the *Echo* Carnival.

The Student Council is an organization whose goal is to help govern the school. Members are selected from their respective classes and the President and Vice-President are automatically members. They are in charge of all lyceums, assemblies, and class elections. Sometimes during the year, the club sponsors a dance. It is also co-ordinator for the Homecoming Dance. For the past few years, it has headed the March

of Dimes campaign. This year the Student Council took upon themselves a new duty of raising and lowering the flag each day in front of the school.

The officers are: Jim Bain, *President*; David Giacone, *Vice-president*; Sharon McCollum, *Secretary*; Jerry Stringer, *Treasurer*; and the sponsor, Miss Jane Kirsch.

Student Council



1st Row: Mike Gulley, Sam Prowell, Judy Pate, Marrietta Spencer, Janice Prowell, Sharon McCollum, Jane Dillon, David Giacone, and Curt Richerson. 2nd Row: Richard Morris, Tommy Threewitt, Dick Stull, Wiley Hall, Ted Donosky, Jerry Stringer, Richard Bohlander, Eddie Summers, Jim Bain, and Miss Kirsch.

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Band

The band is a very active group in the school. It enters contests, and marches for many parades, and plays for the football and basketball games at home.

It also gives a Christmas and spring concert annually. The band consists of 48 members this year and is under the direction of Jerome Hart.



Kneeling: Lana Barminski and David Dalby. Drum Majorette, Virginia Milton, Majorettes; Avis Fierburg, Nikki Doty, Janice Prowell, and Paula West.

The twirlers and lettergirls play an important role in the life of the band. The twirlers are selected and placed according to their ability to twirl. During the half-time shows at the football games, they entertain and help the band present an enjoyable program. The twirlers also represent B.C.H.S. in the many contests they enter.

In 1958, the Lettergirls were organized under the direction of Mr. Hart. They are selected each year as need by the band director. They march in parades with the band.



Chorus

The Chorus consisting of 40 girls this year is under the direction of Jerome Hart. Throughout the year the Chorus attends clinics and gives their annual Christmas and spring concerts. The chorus also selects groups which sing for various organizations in town.



Terri Arnold, Marietta Spencer, Linda Dorris, Carolyn Davis, Judy Baker, and Villa Sneed.

Cheerleaders

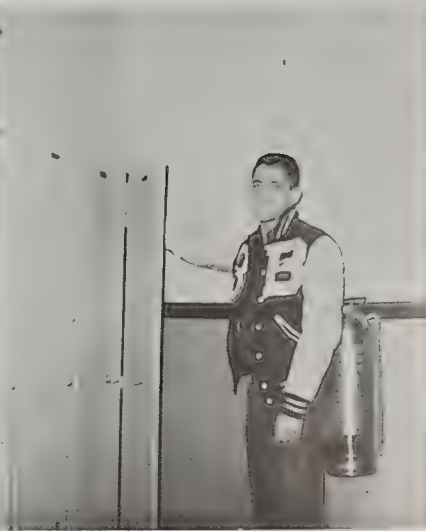
The cheerleading squad is made up of 8 energetic girls. At the beginning of the year, they were chosen by a committee of teachers. The varsity squad consists of two juniors and two seniors. The cheerleaders work hard to prepare cheers for pep sessions, football and basketball games. They pep up our school spirit as well as the team's. Under their leadership our school spirit is growing. Our gratitude and thanks goes to these girls!



1st Row: Brenda Payne, Sr; Judy Pate, Fresh; Donna White, Jr;
2nd Row: Mary Lou Chance, Soph; Judy Short, Soph; 3rd Row:
Diane Shew, Jr; Jody Harris, Fresh; Evelyn Payne, Sr.



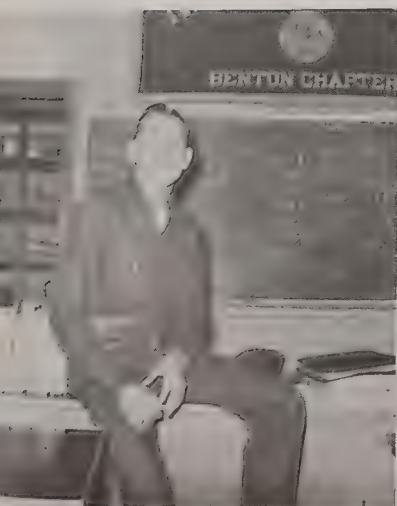
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DAVID GIACONE, *co-captain*



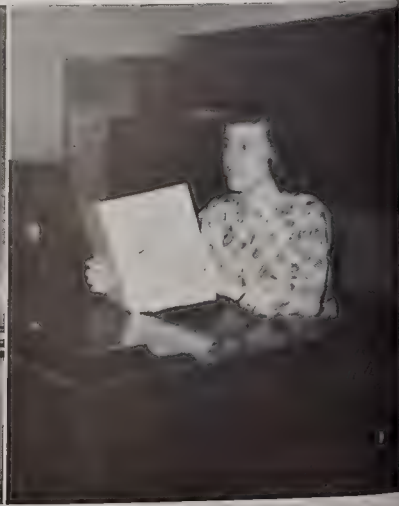
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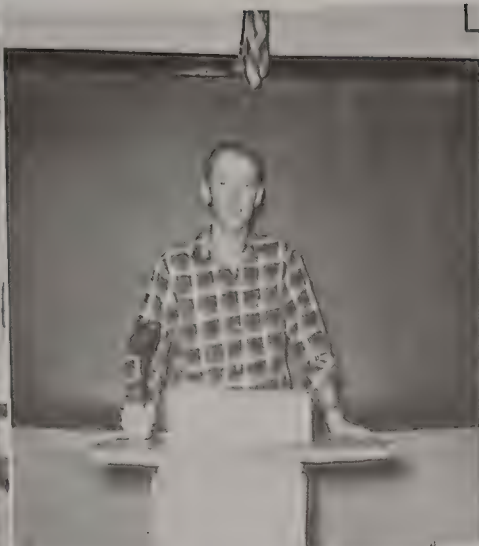
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EVELYN PAYNE, *editor*



ESTHER HAYS, *homemaker*



JOE KIMMEL, *spokesman*



VIRGINIA MILTON, *musician*



TOM SAXE, *athlete*

Ten Outstanding Seniors

This year as always the faculty, office staff, and principal were asked to select ten outstanding seniors. The students are chosen for their leadership, scholarship, personality, participation in school activities, citizenship, and attitude.

This honor falls upon the leaders of the graduating class — the leaders of the future. Not only is the senior year of these students considered, but also their very important first three years.

After much consideration these ten people have been selected.



Kirby Browning, sponsor; Evelyn Payne, Editor; Jim Upchurch, Assistant Editor.



1st Row: Cathy Whittier, Mary Fahey, and Leigh Treadwell, Ad solicitors. 2nd Row: Retha Holder, Business Manager; Rosemary Rice, Sales Manager; Linda Hartman, Meridy Baker, Chairman Ad Solicitors.

Scarab Staff

The *Scarab* is the result of one long year of hard, tedious work. To some, we hope it's a record of a memorable year, and we hope it will be a fond remembrance of this school year in the years to come.

The *Scarab* Staff has put in many evenings of time and hard work and have uncovered the hardships, pleasure and satisfaction of publishing this year's *Scarab*. The departments of the staff include: ad feature, sports, class editors, and typists. Mr. Kirby Browning is the sponsor.



Richard Bohlander, Artist; Glenda Gilliam, Feature Editor; Sue Browning, Marietta Spencer, Terry Smothers, and Janice Sum-

mers, Feature Writers. Mary Taylor, Managing Editor.

Jim Boin, Sports Editor; Karen Phillips, Class Editor; Karen Nix, Senior Class Editor; Lana Barminski, Junior Class Editor; Joyce

Anderson, Sophomore Class Editor; and Juva Stringer, Freshman Class Editor.



Hi Tri

The Hi Tri organization is made up of all the girls of B.C.H.S. Under the watchful guidance of Miss Margaret Armentrout, the Hi Tri helps the girls to make friends and brings about pleasure through wholesome entertainment within the school.

The Hi Tri has several activities in which the girls look forward to with anticipation. These include the Freshman Initiation and Tea, The Spring Dance, Heart Sister Week and many state conferences which the girls attend.



Jane Dillon, *President*; Karen Phillips, *Vice-President*; Esther Hays, *Secretary*; Virginia Milton, *Treasurer*; Miss Margaret Armentrout, *Sponsor*.



1st Row: Rosemary Sanders, Judy Tate, Cindy Glover, Karen Nix. 2nd Row: Bonnie Snider, Crystal Taylor, Sharon McCollum, Shirley Gulley. 3rd Row: Judy Pate, Cathy Whittier, Retha Holder. 4th Row: Sharon Hall, Judy Short, Marjore Cox, Nancy Johnson.

Mrs. Alberta Hidritch, Sponsor; Jo-Nila Slawickey, President; Karen Phillips, Vice - President; Lucy Schram, Secretary; Karen Nix, Treasurer.



Terry Smothers, Secretary; Mr. Shepherd, Sponsor; Austin Story, President; Bill Haskins, Treasurer; Gary May, Vice-President; Ronnie Parrish, Chaplain.



Youth for Christ

Youth for Christ is an organization for all students who are interested in promoting Christianity among youth, regardless of their denominations. They meet once a month at different churches and have different ministers speak to them. The sponsor of Youth for Christ is Mrs. Alberta Hidritch.

Hi-Y

Hi-Y is a branch of the state Y.M.C.A. It is a boys' organization whose policy is to have honest living in everyday life. The aim of the club is to foster clean sportsmanship, clean living, and to create throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character. The group usually has a dinner annually to induct the new members. A minister is the guest speaker at the induction ceremony of the officers.



President, Esther Hays; Vice-President, Karin Canada; Secretary, Mary Lou Chance; Treasurer, Jerri Moore; V.P. of Projects, Crystal Taylor; V.P. of Public Relations, Judy Tate; V.P. of Degrees, Cindy Glover; V.P. of Recreation, Mary Bain; Parliamentarian, Jane Dillon; Historian, Sue Webb.



BOARD MEMBERS

Senior: Myrna Ray, Shirley Gulley, Nancy Johnson.

Juniors: Linda Smith, Virginia Knight, Sue Browning.

Sophomores: Diane Upchurch, Shirley Buntin, Nickie Doty.

Freshmen: Rosemary Sanders, Sharon Hall.

F.H.A.

The Benton Chapter of Future Homemakers has been active in district, state, and national activities since their organization in 1945. It holds the distinction of being the largest chapter in the state.

The purposes of FHA are to promote a growing appreciation of the jobs and satisfaction of homemaking; to emphasize the importance of worthy home membership; to encourage democracy in home and community life; to work for good homes and families; to promote international good will; to foster the development of creative leadership in home and com-

munity life; to provide wholesome individual and group recreation; and to further interest in home economics.

The FHA'ers have had their annual Freshman Charm Week in September, and in October, twenty members assisted in Merchant Day activities and participated in District II FHA Rally. Other activities for the year include: participation in National FHA Week, Farmer's Ball, Little Sister Party, and sponsored a style show.

F.F.A.

FFA is a national organization for boys which provides a study of vocational agriculture in public secondary schools. It was founded in 1929, and there are over 3,500 chapters in the state. Throughout the year, FFA enters various types of judging contests and co-operates with the FHA in many activities. Mr. B. L. Finley is the sponsor.

Future Business Leaders

Future Business Leaders of America is a national youth organization for high school and college students enrolled in business subjects. It is sponsored by a department of the National Education Association, the United Business Education Association. It is devoted to providing young adults with educational, vocational, and leadership experiences by participation in projects at the local, state, and national level.

Larry Nagreski, *President*; Leroy Brandhorst, *Vice-President*; Tom Soxe, *Secretary*; Ronald Dixon, *Treasurer*; David Hines, *Sentinel*; Dale Richardson, *Reporter*; Mr. B. L. Finley, *sponsor*.



President, Roberta McDuffy; *Vice-President*, Linda Smothers; *Secretary*, Carolyn Buntlin; *Treasurer*, Doris Aiken; *Reporter*, Jeanette Dann; *State Director*, Martha Duckworth; *Sponsors*, Mrs. Marjorie Trulove, Mrs. Mary Alice Pribble.



Key Club

Key Club, an organization for boys, is sponsored by the Benton Kiwanis. The purpose of this club is to promote leadership and to extend an opportunity for the boys to work together in school and in the community. In 1959, the club purchased the bulletin board in front of the school. Since then it has been selling candy and calendars to help pay for it. Mr. Rea is the sponsor.



Latin Club

The Latin Club, which consists of second year Latin students, is one of the most prominent clubs at BCHS. It is under the supervision of Miss Margaret Armentrout. The club was started in 1953, and it has been active every year since. The purpose of the club is to learn about the life and customs of the Romans and their applications of modern times. The annual party of the Latin Club is the Saturnalia. All members come dressed as Roman citizens and a dinner is served Roman style. The foods are those that the Romans might have eaten.

Jim Bain, Lieut. Governor; Carl Richerson, President; Larry Lewis, Vice-President; Mike Sevenski, Secretary and Treasurer; Jim Bain, Historian; Mr. Rea, Sponsor.

President, Dick Stull; Vice-President, Wiley Hall; Secretary, Janet Keelin; Treasurer, Bob Orchid.



President, Larry Lewis; Vice-President, Esther Hays; Secretary, Donna White; Treasurer, Sue Webb.



President, Brenda Thomas; Vice-President, Joan Smith; Secretary, Linda Smith; Treasurer, Pat Mick.

Speech and Thespian Club

The Speech Club's membership is open to any student in a speech class, while the Thespian Society consists of the students who performed in the Junior or Senior Play and those students interested in dramatics. Many of the members of the Speech and Thespian Clubs participate in debates, monologues, readings, extemporary speaking and many other activities at speech contests during the year.

F.N.C.

The Future Nurses Club was organized in 1955. The purposes of the club are to interest students in personal and community health; to encourage them in finding what nursing requires and what it offers, and to help them decide wisely about professional or practical nursing as their career. FNC has been very successful under the watchful guidance of its sponsor, Miss Adkisson. The community sponsor is the Medical Staff of the Franklin Hospital.



President, Lucy Schram; Vice-President, Barbara Tedrow; Secretary and Treasurer, James McCoy.



President, Pat Mick; Vice-President, Glenda Davis; Secretary, Josephine Wertz; Treasurer, Marilyn Ruemmler.

D. O. Club

The Diversified Occupations Club furnishes vocational on-the-job training to those students who do not plan to attend college and wish to learn a trade or occupation. The members attend morning classes and work at a job which they hope to make a career of in the afternoon. The club sponsor is Mr. Rea.

G.A.A.

Girls Athletic Association is an organization for girls who are interested in sports. It meets every Thursday after school. Its purpose is to create an interest in athletics, teach better sportsmanship, and promote ideas in health. Twice a year there is a play-day for the GAA members from different towns in this district, and they engage in various sports. Miss Hollada sponsors this club.



Future Teachers of America

The newest club organized at BCHS is the FTA, the Future Teachers of America. Organized in December 1959, the club consists of nearly 40 members. They soon received their charter with the official seal from the Illinois Future Teachers Association.

Membership in the FTA requires that a student have acceptable requirements in character, personality, leadership, and scholarship.

The officers are Terry Smothers, President; Retha

Holder, Vice-President; Donna Rock, Secretary; Rosemary Rice, Treasurer; Meridy Baker, Parliamentarian; Jeannette Dann, Historian; Linda Hartman, Librarian; Virginia Knight, Son Leader; Carol Runnels, Reporter; and Myron Rea, Publicity.

The FTA was born in 1937 and there are now 4,043 high school clubs. The national FTA colors are black, white, and red.

Miss Armentrout is the advisor.

Library Club

The Library Club was organized in the fall of 1954. To be eligible for this club, you must work one hour each day in the library. The club meets the first and third Thursday of each month. Because the club is small, their activities include visits to other cities and their libraries. Mrs. Little is the sponsor.



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History Club

History Club has three main purposes. They are: to study Illinois and local history, to share their findings with each other and with the rest of the student body, and to take a trip to some spot in Illinois of historical significance.



Joe Kimmel, President; Paul Davis, Vice-President; Phyllis McAfoos, Treasurer; Janice Foster, Secretary; and the new sponsor is Mrs. Hidiritch.



President, Marilyn Morris; Vice-President, David McAlpin; Secretary, Lady Tate; Treasurer, Billy Wilkerson.



First row: Smith, Davis, Baker, Hartman, Tucker, Nagreski, Conti, and Williams. Second row: Payne, Aiken, Hays, Giacone, Bain, Miss Morrison, sponsor. Third row: Duckworth, Smith, Barlow, Lewis, Kimmel.

French Club

Parlez-vous franzois? Oui j'e parle franzois. The French students are quickly learning how to speak French in their second hour French class. These students are eligible to join the meetings at the noon hour. At these meetings and during their class periods, they frequently see movies; listen to records, and sing old French folk songs. Some of their activities this past year have been, an act in stunt night, a float in the Homecoming parade, sponsored a dance after a basketball game, and entered a nation-wide contest for students of French. The sponsor is Mr. Ernest Shepard.

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a national high school and junior college mathematics club. Its purpose is to create an interest in and further the study of mathematics. To be eligible a student must have high honors in mathematics and in the remaining scholastic work. The membership of the Benton club consists of 38 members. The club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Miss Etna Morrison is the sponsor.

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Dear Scarab Subscribers:

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all who have helped in any way to make this year's annual possible.

I wish to express my gratitude for the time and effort given by each individual staff member and our advisor, Mr. Kirby Browning.

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Sincerely,

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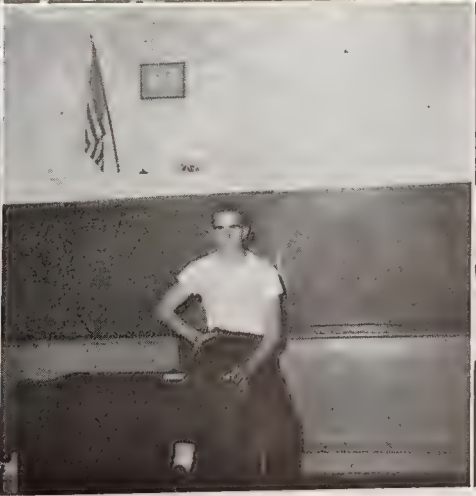
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